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1. Eight watchtowers were observed in the area south of Pechenga (N69-33, E31-12) located on natural hills and command a wide view of the area. They are of wooden construction and consist of four main poles and several cross pieces. The four main support poles slant inward toward the top of the tower, which consists of a square, box-like, enclosed observation platform with a window in each direction. A crude wooden ladder, which is attached to the cross pieces, leads to the top of the tower. Most of the towers observed were of a whitish color and appeared to be newly constructed. (See sketch on page 3.)
2. Two newly constructed observation towers, one uncompleted, are located one on each side of Lake Kuska.
3. A "street" of felled timber of considerable width (distance not stated) runs between Lake Nasykka (approximately, N69-30, E31-10) and Lake Kuska.
4. A road, six to seven meters wide, runs along the eastern shore of Petsamo Fjord in the direction of Petsamo.
5. There is a bridge over the Petsamo River at approximately N69-30, E31-09. Road work is in progress in this area, south of the bridge, along the river, observed considerable traffic, including tractors and road construction equipment, along this road. three or four rather large well-lighted barracks a few hundred meters south of the bridge, which quarters for the road construction workers.
6. a gray-green, two-story wooden building which to be a military barracks located south of Lake Palo and north of the Petsamo road. the building was eight to ten meters long and five meters high.

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7. Three medium-sized buildings which [redacted] resemble barracks are located on the southern shore of Lake Ryassan (N69-33, E30-25). [redacted] They appear to be newly constructed, are unpainted, and have dark roofs. Two of the buildings have windows and chimneys and the third, lacking these, appears to be a storage building.

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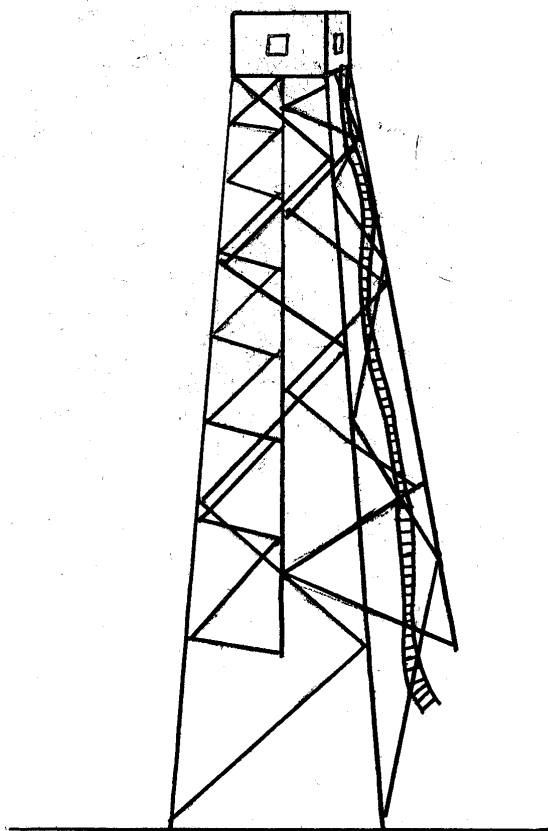
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Sketch of Observation Tower



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